

Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon



Isaiah 55:7

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Thoughts as we gather

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “*laborers for His vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*He may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised



1 The	Lord,	my God,	be	praised,	My light,	my	life	from	heav - en;
2 The	Lord,	my God,	be	praised,	My trust,	my	life	from	heav - en,
3 The	Lord,	my God,	be	praised,	My hope,	my	life	from	heav - en,
Δ 4 The	Lord,	my God,	be	praised,	My God,	the	ev - er -	liv - ing,	



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

**What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.**

O LORD, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed
my bonds.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



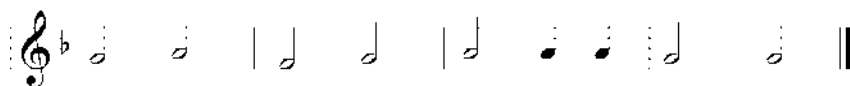
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



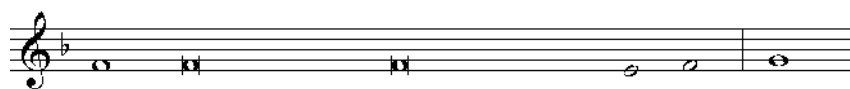
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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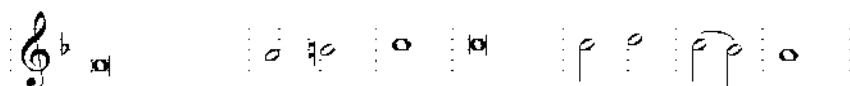
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



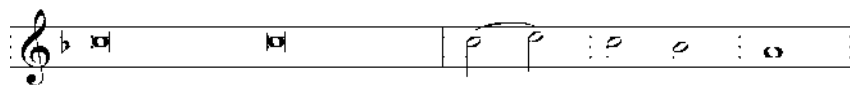
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

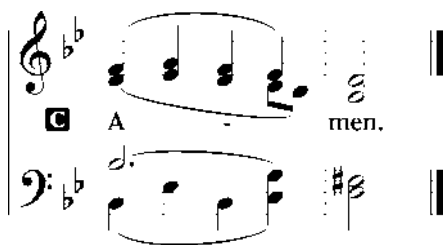
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

- ⁶“Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

- ²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
**my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

- ³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
**though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

- ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,**
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in His temple.

**⁵For He will hide me in His shelter
in the day of trouble;**
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.

**⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!**

⁸You have said, "Seek My face."

**My heart says to You,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

⁹Hide not Your face from me.

Turn not Your servant away in anger,

O You who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my salvation!

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and

joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

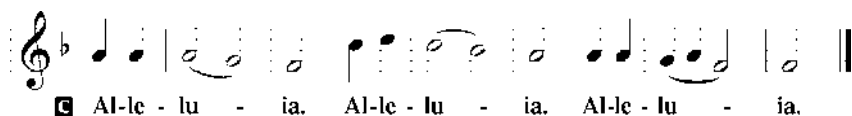
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

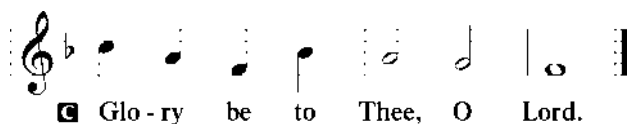
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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

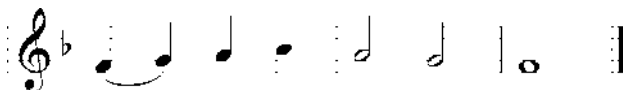
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you

no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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Sit

SERMON

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For wisdom from the Word of God, that we may lead fruitful lives in the midst of a foolish world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we would learn to become like our divine Master, who puts the last first, pardons sinners and works death into great gain for His servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all who serve in the Lord's kingdom, that we would be ever mindful that it is only by grace we are privileged to serve in it, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That Christ would be honored in our bodies, whether by life as we serve Him without fear, or by departing this life to be with Him, which is far better, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, that the Lord would bless all people in their callings and in service to their neighbors; and for all authorities, that they would serve on behalf of the defenseless, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who are sick, depressed, lonely, ignored, shut in or in hospice care, [*especially* _____] that God would keep them in the certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who commune this day, that they may receive our Savior's body and blood in faith for the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For pastors who serve us these sacred mysteries, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those still being instructed, that they may be nourished in hope and come soon to the Lord's table, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

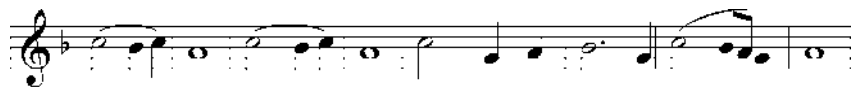


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

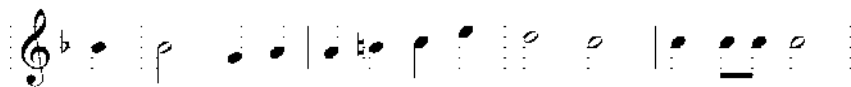
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



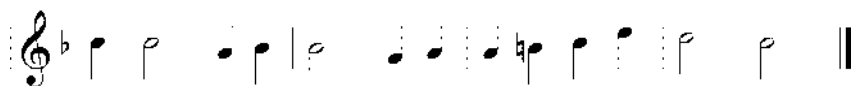
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

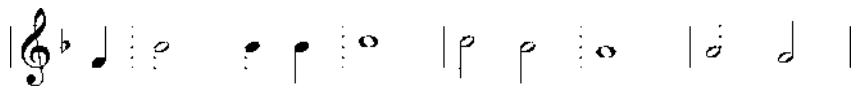


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
 against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

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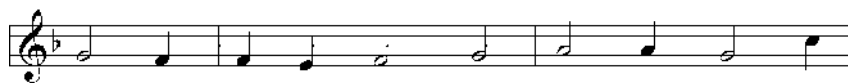
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ. we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ. we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be. To serve each oth - er

Refrain

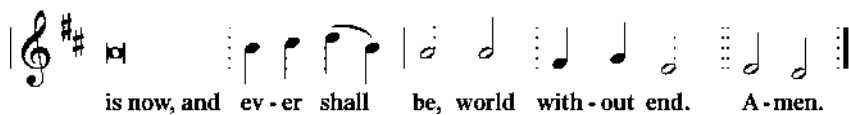
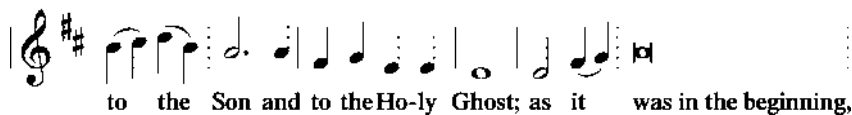
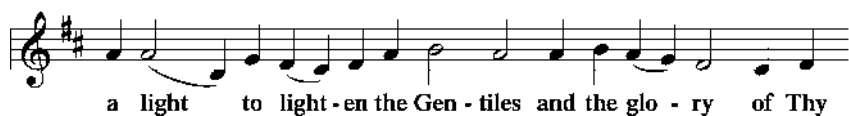
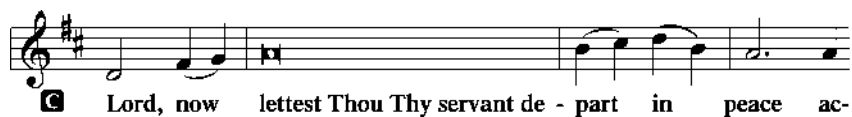
fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.



THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

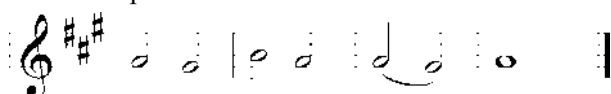


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1	Thine	the	a - men	Thine	the	praise	Al - le -
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3	Thine	the	tru - ly	Thine	the	yes	Thine the
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sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the
vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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“TO NEGLECT JESUS IS TO REJECT JESUS”

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Ken Porter

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, September 27, 2026, are:

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Psalms 25:1-10 (antiphon: v. 4)

Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18

Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

September 20 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (09/20)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (09/21)	10:30 a.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Wed. (09/23)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (09/24)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Peer Connections
Sat. (09/26)	10:00 a.m.	LWML Fall Celebration
Sun. (09/27)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

09/13/2026	9:00 a.m.	58
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 166,537.00
Rec'vd. 09/13/2026	<u>\$ 4,326.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 169,884.38</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (175.00)	Over YTD	\$ 3,347.38

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

THANK YOU

Gaylon Pastella would like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes while she was sick.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Adult Confirmation Class will meet on Monday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall in person and via Zoom.

UPCOMING *Events*

Saturday, September 26th—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11th—Sunday, November 8th—Thanksgiving Grocery Store Gift Card Collection

Sunday, October 18th – Oktoberfest Potluck at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 8th—Sunday, November 29th—Spark of Love Toy Drive

Sunday, November 29th – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 13th – Congregational Christmas Party- at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder
 Tricia Blake
 Durfee Family
 Gaylon Pastella
 Gwen Strasburg
 Bob Albert
 MaryAnn Beck
 Bill & Jan Blanton
 Raymond Bond
 Kyle Burton
 Ralph Calzade
 Lane Ceballos
 David Chavez
 Robert Coole
 John Davis
 Matt DeWitt
 Kelley Dunne
 Don Eliason
 Heidi Evans
 Eleanor Fetterman
 Jillian Garcia
 Chris Gibson
 Government
 Roger Hall
 Kelly Havens
 Justin Hedden & Family
 Tyler Holtgreffe
 Erwin Johnson
 Emma Kraus
 Addison Lange
 Frank Liedtky & Family
 Epris Martin
 Kelly Marscheider
 Diane & Dave McCoin
 Brian McMahan
 Dave Meyer
 Jessica Moores
 Lee Nelson
 David Parker
 Seung-Hee Pastella
 Patience & Family
 Mel & Mary Quecke
 Dave Riffel
 Noreen Selle
 Ashley Skiffington
 Larry & Robin Thompson
 Richard Torres
 Brandon Vess
 Joni Wageman
 Phyllis Wheaton
 Cynthia Yancho
GRIEF & STRENGTH:
 Family of Marjorie Edwards

Mary Beuerle
 Devin Coole
 Jennifer Millgate
 Mildred Sears
 Rory Tighe
 Dave Anderson
 Marilyn Belka
 Grayson Blomberg
 Crista Brenden
 Gabrielle Butcher
 Mari Caroland
 Maddie Cervantes
 Cathy Connors
 Scott Crawley
 Kathy Davis
 Mary Diaz
 John & Ann Duran
 Daniel Ellis
 Lynn Fairgrief
 Charity Frash
 Chrissie Gates
 Zoey Gilman
 Raquel Gudino
 Emilie Harding
 Jace Haynes
 Harry Heike
 Kareem Jacobs
 Michelle Jones
 Steve Kuhn
 Debbie Lange
 Anthony Lopez
 Chelo Martinez
 Tom & Joan Mason
 Todd McCoy
 Catherine McNeil
 Military
 Myndi
 Adam Nieto
 Glenn & Nancy Pastella
 Tim & Marguerite Pastella
 Esteban Penomeza
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 Beverlyn Johnson
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 Melody LeGray
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 Debbie Martinez
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 David McDonald
 Linda Merkle
 Grace Miskimen
 Belita & Richard Nash
 Park Family
 Richard & Alice Pastella
 Diana Patel
 Lauren Porter
 Peggy Rhoades
 Bill Robertson
 Short Family
 Georgina Soto
 Joshua Todd
 Denise Turner
 Phyllis Walton
 Joe Waters
 John Worstell

THANKSGIVING:
 Pat Anderson



About the Cover: The weight of our sin can only be lifted by the Lord. How blessed are we, His children, to know that He desires to forgive us abundantly! There is no sin too great for His grace and pardon. Christ's love is so abundant for us that He died for us before we even had a say in the matter (Romans 5:8). So, by faith in His promises, we receive the abundant life-giving benefits of His death and resurrection forever.